

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA**

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CONSTRUCTION OF EARTHQUAKE RESISTANCE HOUSES

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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government propose to construct earthquake resistant houses in earthquake prone regions in the country like Garhwal, Latur and Bhuj;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the State Governments have requested the Union Government for assistance in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a)to(d): The Union Government has always responded to the request of the State Governments for financial assistance and technological guidance for reconstruction of houses affected by natural calamities like earthquake, floods cyclone etc. Housing & Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO), a Government of India Undertaking has extended techno financial assistance for construction/repair through:

Financial assistance in form of loans

Dissemination of technical advice for disaster resistant construction and repairs through pamphlets indicating Do's and Don'ts in vernacular languages

Training of local artisans and supervisors in appropriate technologies

Establishment of building centres for production of cost effective building materials besides dissemination of information on appropriate technologies

Construction of demonstration units using earthquake resistant technologies

Providing consultancy services for appropriate house designs for rehabilitation of earthquake victims.